



Stoughton Infant School Newsletter

Friday 11th September



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents,

A huge warm welcome to Stoughton to all of our new families, it's wonderful to have you. This newsletter is written fortnightly on a Friday.

As we reach the end of the first full week of school, I would like to say a huge thank you to you all. We are all having to adapt to changes and follow new safety rules, these can sometimes be a source of frustration but we all know we have to do it to keep everyone safe. Over this week things have improved and drop off and pick up times and they are now running far more smoothly. There are some more improvements planned and will ParentMail separately about them when they're ready to be launched.

Just to keep it fresh in your minds:

- Please stick to the set drop off and pick up times, these have been shared previously
- If early, please wait off site
- Please leave the site swiftly and don't stop to chat to each other
- Year 1 and Year 2 parents, build up to dropping your child at the gates. Until you're/they're ready, please leave once they're lined up behind the picket fence or picnic bench; you don't need to wait until they've gone in the building
- Please don't allow your children to scoot or ride their bikes on the school site. After my video message on Wednesday afternoon, a child did this and caused another child to get hurt.
- Please don't allow children to play on the trim trail, climbing frame or climbing wall before or after school. These have been allocated to specific bubbles
- The car park is for staff and disabled badge holders only
- Most importantly – keep your distance from each other!

For those of you with siblings in the school we have said that you can pick up at the earliest time but as you can imagine, this can be quite difficult to organise as we have to have staff available to get children in the right place so please bear with us and please may I ask if it is possible to wait until each child's set time, this would be appreciated.

The children have come back to school so confidently, we couldn't be prouder. They've been eager to interact with each other and their learning. I not sure that the office team have loved the non-stop playing on the musical instruments in the year 1 quad though!

Our new reception and nursery children have begun their settling in visits and these have gone really well. The reception children have been amazing at coming into school independently, something we've never attempted before and our many of our new nursery children have managed this too. I have to admit that this was something that we thought was going to be very challenging but the children have risen to and exceeded our expectations. Thank you for your support with preparing them so well.

Just before we broke up in the summer we ran a sponsor a book initiative which was very successful, thank you!! Mrs Broad in the school office has taken great care to ensure that all the books have a legacy sticker put inside the cover so we can see who donated them for years to come. These books will form part of the school library which is being developed but most importantly they will be shared with the children as part of their learning across the curriculum.

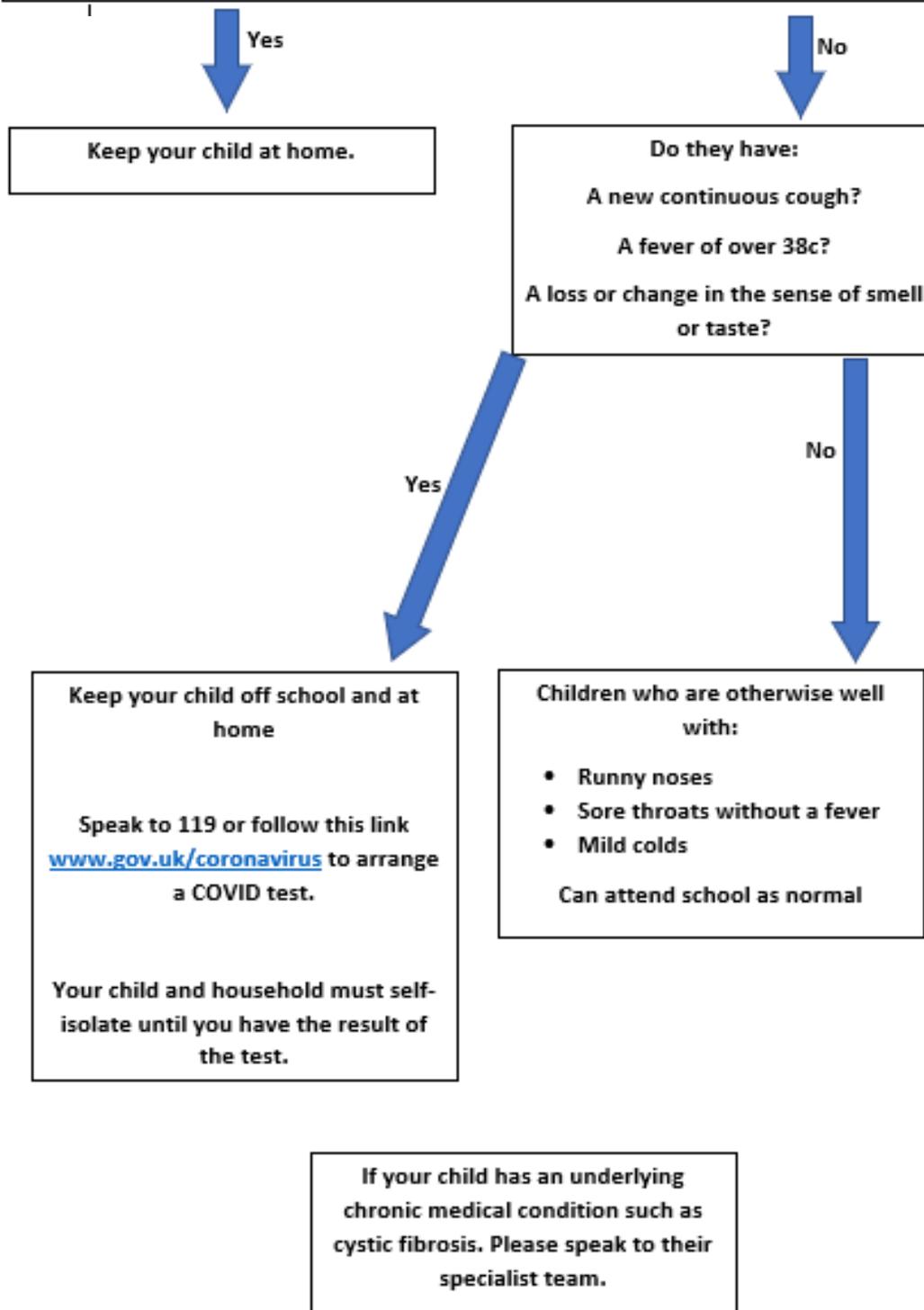
Finally, I thought it would be helpful as we head in to the cough and cold season to make it really clear with you what actions we will take if your child arrives at school having developed any of the COVID symptoms at home or they develop a COVID symptom whilst at school.

We will **always** insist that a child with a cough, temperature, or loss or change in sense or taste and smell is kept away from school, gets a test and follows the guidance included in this letter.

We recognise that that most of the time test will come back negative and your child can quickly return to school when they feel well enough. We also recognise that this maybe a source of frustration, as you have commitments during the school day that will be interrupted whilst awaiting test results or completing a self-isolation period. But, if we don't rigorously follow this and allow children to be in school with symptoms, we risk closing class bubbles and possibly year group bubbles which will have a much greater impact on our lives and the welfare of the community.

If your child develops symptoms whilst at home	
You say.....	Our response will be.....
“My child has a cold but hasn’t got a temperature or cough.”	<p>If they feel well enough they can come to school, a cold is not a symptom of COVID.</p> <p>Please note, they can’t come to school if you’ve given them paracetamol or ibuprofen as this could mask a temperature and this is a sign of COVID.</p>
“My child has developed a cough, I don’t think it’s a COVID cough though, so I’ve brought them in.”	You need to take your child home. A cough is a sign of COVID so to be on the safe side please arrange a test. If negative, and your child is well enough they can come back to school. Please let us know if the test is positive so we can take the correct action swiftly.
“My child has a temperature, I’ve given them calpol and they seem ok, can they come to school?”	<p>A temperature is a sign of COVID, to be on the safe side please arrange a test. If the test comes back negative and your child hasn’t had a temperature for 48 hours, they can come back to school. Please let us know if the test is positive so we can take the correct action swiftly.</p> <p>Please note, your child can’t come to school if you have given them paracetamol or ibuprofen as these can mask a temperature.</p>
“My child is saying that everything tastes funny, I’m sure it’s nothing, can they come to school?”	Loss of the sense of taste or smell is a sign of COVID, to be on the safe side please arrange a test. If negative and your child is well enough, they can come back to school. Please let us know if the test is positive so we can take the correct action swiftly.
“My child still has a temperature but has had a negative result, can they come to school?”	No, your child needs to stay off school until they’ve had 48 hours without a temperature.
If your child develops symptoms whilst in school	
<p>If your child develops any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A cough ● A temperature ● A loss or change in the sense of taste or smell 	We will telephone you and ask you to collect your child. Your child will have been looked after by a member of staff in PPE until you arrive. You will be ParentMailed information with links to how to book a test and guidance for self-isolation for your household. Please read this really carefully and it is also included below.
<p>We will ask to see test results</p> <p>No tests can be carried out on the school site</p> <p>Please refer to the information below</p>	

Would you have kept your child off school before COVID?



Parental Guidance

What to do if...	Individual action needed	Return to school when
My child has COVID-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Do not come to school · Contact the school daily · Self-Isolate · Get a test · https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name · Inform the school immediately of the test result 	<p>The test is returned as negative.</p> <p>If positive, please see next line.</p>
My child tests positive for COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Do not come to school · Contact the school daily · Self-Isolate for at least 10 days · Inform the school immediately of the test result <p>NB – If a child has tested positive whilst not experiencing symptoms but develop symptoms during the isolation period, they should restart the 10-day isolation period from the day they develop symptoms.</p>	<p><i>If the child was ill at the time of the positive test:</i> 10 days have passed since the positive test <i>and</i> the child is feeling better.</p> <p><i>If the child was not ill at the time of the positive test:</i> 10 days have passed since the positive test <i>or</i> 10 days after the child became ill (whichever is later).</p> <p>NB - A child can return after 10 days even if they still have a cough or loss of sense of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection has gone.</p>
Someone in my child's household has COVID-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Do not come to school · Contact the school daily · Self-Isolate · Household member to get a test: https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name · Inform the school immediately of the test result 	<p>The household member test is returned as negative.</p> <p><i>If positive, please see next line.</i></p>
Someone in a child's household has tested positive for COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Do not come to school · Contact the school daily · Self-Isolate for 14 days (even if the child has tested negative for COVID-19) · Inform the school immediately of the test result 	<p>14 days have passed since the family member tested positive.</p> <p>The child must continue to self-isolate for the full 14 days even if they personally test negative for COVID-19.</p>
NHS Test and Trace have identified a child or staff member as a 'close contact' of someone with COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Do not come to school · Contact the school daily · Self-Isolate for 14 days (even if the child has tested negative for COVID-19) 	<p>14 days have passed since the individual was contacted by NHS Test and Trace.</p> <p>The child must continue to self-isolate for the full 14 days even if they personally test negative for COVID-19.</p>
A child is planning to travel / has travelled to a destination requiring quarantine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Do not take unauthorised leave in term-time · Consider quarantine requirements and FCO travel advice when booking travel; consider possibility of quarantine requirement, even if not in force at the time of booking <p>If returning from a destination requiring quarantine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Do not come to school · Contact the school daily · Self-Isolate for 14 days (even if the child has tested negative for COVID-19) 	<p>14 days have passed since the child returned from travel.</p> <p>A negative COVID-19 test does not remove the need for a 14-day quarantine.</p>
A child has received medical advice that they must resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Do not come to school · Contact the school as advised by the Headteacher · Shield for as long as recommended by medical advice 	<p>When restrictions are lifted, or medical advice is that your child can attend school again.</p>
A member of my child's household has been asked to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace Or A member of my child's household is in quarantine at home following travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Your child may continue to attend school · If any member of your household has symptoms of COVID-19, you should self-isolate immediately and the ill person should get a test: https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name 	<p>Provided that your child has <i>not</i> been asked to self-isolate or quarantine, and no member of your household has symptoms, your child can attend school.</p>